

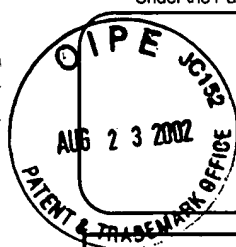
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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),

(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09/358,653

filed on July 23, 1999, entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FUNDING AN ACCOUNT AND CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

## NOTES

**FILING QUALIFICATIONS:** The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. Effective May 29, 2000, a CPA may only be filed in a utility or a plant application if the prior nonprovisional application was filed before May 29, 2000. A CPA may be filed in a design application regardless of the filing date of the prior application. See "Request for Continued Examination Practice changes to and Provisional Application Practice," Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office (Apr. 11, 2000).

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Application Number 09/358,653  
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First Named Inventor John M. HILLMAN, et al.  
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106	330	206	165	Design filing fee	
107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee	
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee	
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee	

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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20	
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3	
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
109	84	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
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139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee	
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (q)	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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Art Unit: 2761

Serial No.: 09/358,653

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**GROUP 3600****PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

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Prior to initial examination on the merits, undersigned representative respectfully  
requests entry of this amendment and reconsideration of this pending application in view of  
the following remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS**~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
**Please add claim 23 as follows:**

23. (NEW) A method for funding at least one account of a customer at a financial institution  
comprising:

*β1* contributing immediate access value and future access value to the at least one  
account of the customer, wherein the immediate access value is contributed by the customer and  
is accessible by the customer at all time and the future access value is contributed by the  
financial institution and is accessible by the customer according to a vesting schedule; and